

Saginaw, Ecorse, DePorres, Mendon state track champs

By United Press International
 Detroit St. Martin De Porres wasn't happy just defending its Class C crown in the state high school track championships during the weekend. It had to break a couple of records and the mother on the way there. St. Martin tracked up 72 points Saturday leaving runners up St. Louis way back at 49. Detroit Country Day at 35; New Haven at 23 and Hasketts at 20.

Action in other classes saw Saginaw High take the Class A title, Ecorse capture the Class B crown and Mendon take top honors in Class D.

St. Martin's Steve Wren captured a spectacular new state Class C pole vault record, springing 11 feet, 1 inch to lead a string of six finalists who bettered the 12-foot-4-inch record set in 1963 by James Olds of Hartford and tied in 1967 by Ian Taveok of Cobles.

St. Martin also bettered the 44.6 record timing set last year by Denton for the 400-yard relay, running the distance 43.3. St. Louis also beat the old record with a 44.5 running for second place.

The winners in Class C also tied a 220-yard high hurdles mark when their Allen Baker ran it in 14.5—the second year in a row Baker has tied the 191 record set by Gary Veurik of Western Michigan Christian.

James Keller of Cassopolis set a new Class C record in the two-mile run, with a time of 9:58.4. Three tenths of a second faster than the time of Dave Blies of East Jackson in 1970.

In Class A competition in East Lansing, Saginaw's premier sprinter Reggie Jones sped to first places in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes to pace his team to the championship.

The Trojans added a title in the 800-yard relay and finished with 41 points. Runner up Pontiac Central failed to get any firsts, but had the necessary strength for a total of 35 points. Groves Pointe North took two first places and gathered 26 points for third place, followed by Ann Arbor Pioneer with 23 points and Jackson Parkside with 22.

Farmington's Mike McGrath set a state record in the two-mile run, but 2:12 besting the 3:44.8 clocking set last year by Detroit Cooley's Nehals Elliot.

Four other state Class A records were tied, including Joseph's clocking in the 100-yard dash, matching Detroit North's own Michael Hill who competed in 1971.

Ecorse finished first in two events and scored in five more to help push its trackmen to a 42-point winning total in Class B competition in Flint.

Dearborn Heights closed second with 23 points, followed by Grand Rapids West Catholic with 23, Port Huron Central with 22 and Wyoming Rogers with 21.

Greg Meyer of Grand Rapids West Catholic set a state record with a mile run in 4:14.0, joining second-place Fellscher Ten State of Hastings in breaking the old record of 4:19.1 set by Herald Strong, Detroit Lutheran West, in 1967. Duffer's clocking was 4:16.7.

Mount Morris tied the state record in the 400-yard relay set last year by Oxford in a 4:33 clocking.

Mendon captured Class D honors in Caro by gathering a total of 74 points with firsts in the 400 and 800-yard runs, the mile run and mile relay.

Groves Lake took second with 42 points while Groves Pointe University Liggett won third with 32.

Lloyd Wilds won both the 440 and 880 for Mendon. Lake City took two number one spots with Kevin Clark leading all others in both the long jump and low hurdles.

Dave Hill wins Memphis Classic

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — Golf has a new millionaire and the Memphis Classic has an old winner.

Lee Trevino, raised by his grandfather granddaddy in a Dallas slack, lost the \$25,000 top prize to freshman Memphis winner Dave Hill Sunday. But Trevino wound up in a very exclusive club anyway.

The merry Mexican climaxed a magisterial climb from obscurity in only six years on the pro tour by tying young Alton Miller for second place and picking up \$16,387.50 in the \$175,000 tournament.

It gave Trevino a total of \$1,000,000 in golf earnings and put him in the heavy company of Jack Nicklaus with \$1.6 million, Arnold Palmer at \$1.5 million and Billy Casper with \$1.2 million.

Hill shot a steady par 72 in the final round to stave off Trevino, who finished with a 70 and young sophomore pro Miller who had a 69. They had 284 total compared to Hill's 54 under-par 286.

It was a nice birthday present for Hill, who turned 36 years old Sunday and now has won \$701,000 in 14 years on the tour — \$320,000 of that in Memphis.

Hill and Trevino have made Memphis their happy hunting ground with Hill winning in 1967, '69 and '73 and Trevino winning the past two years.

Lee Elder, seeking to become the first black player to qualify for the Masters as a four-time winner, started the final round a stroke behind Hill but had a 5-over-par 75 with a bogey and double bogey back-to-back on the final nine holes.

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